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1. The 52nd Artillery regiment, [REDACTED] is in Silistra. This field artillery regiment has no motor vehicles, but consists of 300 horses, eight Belgian howitzers, and 14 75 mm Schneider guns. The regiment has three batteries: a howitzer battery, and two field gun batteries. At the present time the 52nd artillery regiment has 300 troops. The commanding officer is Major Palamodov, Capt Yasilev is a political commander, Lt Bozhey is the Chief of Staff of the Regiment, Lt Kubratov is in charge of the operation section, Lt Bozhay is in charge of the intelligence section, Lt Ganev is the supply officer, 2nd Lt Angelov is in charge of weapons, Lt Todorov is the physician of the regiment, 2nd Lt Yankov is the veterinary of the regiment, 2nd Lt Yanayev is the secretary of the Communist Party in the regiment, and 2nd Lt Ganchoy is the secretary of the Dimitrov Union of Peoples Youths in the regiment.

2. [REDACTED] some of the troops in the cadre TO of the 52nd artillery regiment were changed because of individual call ups of reserves, who must refresh their knowledge of artillery weapons, and because they must acquaint themselves with Soviet military procedures and tactics.

3. The 52nd horse-drawn artillery regiment in Silistra is attached to the Cavalry Division, military podpolnije 80900. The Second Cavalry Division is attached to the Third Army in Kolarograd. [REDACTED] the headquarters of this army has been transferred to Sliven. It is possible that only a part of the headquarters of the Third Army was transferred to Sliven because of the strategic position of this city. Sliven is located in southern Bulgaria near border regions [REDACTED] and it has a railroad connection with Sofia, Burgas, Yambol, and Khaskovo. The roads which connect Sliven with these cities are also good.

4. In addition to the two artillery regiments, namely the howitzer regiment and the horse-drawn regiment in Silistra, there is an officers communication school in the city. The course for wire communication lasts four years and for radio communication six years. The school consists of five companies and each company

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has 120 soldiers. The students at the school are officers from active duty. Colonel Atanasov is in charge of the school and also of the garrison of Silistra.

- 5. The officers cavalry school in Silistra consists of 150 students. Cavalry officers are trained here. The course lasts four years. Colonel Vasilev is in charge of the school.
- 6. The commander of the Third Army is Major General Dzhurov, who frequently inspects the garrison and the division in Kolarovgrad. He also was present during the four special firing maneuvers held during October 1952 in Silistra.
- 7. The barracks of the fourth artillery regiment and the guard cavalry regiment in Sofia, which are located on Regenpska Street (now the Zaimov Blvd), have been completely demolished. In their place a new park is being laid out. The military units of the Sofia garrison have been transferred to a point four km outside Sofia along the Plovdiv highway, i.e. Gorna Banya, and to the reserve officers school in Knyazhevo. The barracks of the labor units are located in Sukhovo and Filippovo near Sofia.
- 8. The telegraph and postal military school is located near the central prison in Sofia. The prison is located very close to the map air artillery training section. Quartermaster depots are also located near the prison.
- 9. The first in six infantry guard regiments are located in the old place at the end of the Vitosha Blvd. near the Patria En Ezpimiy Blvd and Polbukhin Blvd. The garrison bakery is located near the barracks of these two regiments in a southern direction. The military railroad school is also located there.
- 10. About 70 soldiers are stationed in Stryantsi, Godech Okoliya. These soldiers are quartered in a new building outside the village. Lt Pogoy is the commanding officer of the unit, Lt Rashin is the political commander of the unit. The unit has six (temporary) non-commissioned officers, two Deystryantski (acting) non-commissioned officers, and two officers.
- 11. It is armed with automatic weapons, light machine guns and two heavy machine guns, Soviet submachine guns, nine mm and .7.65 German type Walter pistols.
- 12. Two hundred m north of the guard house there is a pillbox with six loop holes. Three hundred m east of the guard house there is another pillbox similarly constructed of cement and stone. Both pillboxes are camouflaged with grass.
- 13. Concrete tank obstacles operated by trudovak units in the Godech area are located on the curve on the road to Godech between the village of Golesh and the Golesh River.
- 14. Two trenches, about two km long, are located on the same road between Ropet and Razbcishte. These two rows of trenches are built in a zigzag fashion and are covered with a fence. The trenches begin near Zidlich.
- 15. At some places there are wired nets in front of the trenches. The two rows of trenches are connected by means of two passages for the sake of communication. The trenches are parallel to the border and are six to seven km away from it. At certain inaccessible places the trenches are interrupted but these spots are used effectively for similar defense purposes.

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